

“Comics On Duty” Give World Class Performance

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Kandahar, Afghanistan --

A much needed dose of laughter and amusement was dished out by the mouthful at the comedy show at Kandahar Air Field Wednesday. The talented comedians of “The Comics On Duty World Tour”, gave an outstanding performance filled with the latest and greatest jokes and ad-libs.

“This event came around at just the right time for the soldiers of Kandahar”, said Mr. Bill O’Brien, the director of the MWR here. “I

think that in light of recent events here this comedy show was something that let the soldiers take their minds off of things and just let go for a while”

If laughter is medicine for the soul, then Steve Mazan, Steve Eblin, Kevin Jordan, Don Barnhart and Mike Burton were the miracle medicine men of the evening.

“I didn’t plan on staying for the whole show, but after they got started I wound up staying for the entire show”, said Cpl. Monique N. Bellamy



The “Comics on Duty” performers put on an outstanding show at Kandahar Air Field Wednesday

of HHC 1st Brigade.

The comedians traveled for hours to get here from Los Angeles, Cali. Despite the long flight aboard several airplanes and hours of sleeplessness, the comedians were still able to come alive and electrify the crowd. From the moment they stepped on stage until the last autograph was signed, their energy never waned.

“The people and the lights were like a tonic to these guys, they just woke up.” said O’Brien.

The comedians filled servicemember’s stomachs and mouths with belching laughter and tear-jerking chuckles by poking fun of the rank structure, and making jokes about the Taliban. Incorporating current issues and

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Pfc. Chris Cunningham measures the fuel level of a reserve bladder

Fueling The Army’s War Machines

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The shrieking wail of jet engines pierce the silence of the Afghan landscape as an Air force C-17 Globemaster reverses thrust in a violent effort to slow the hulking craft. The pilots skillfully taxi the airplane off the active runway to an impromptu stopping point on Kandahar Air Field (KAF); bringing with them provisions

and equipment to wage the war on terror.

Soldiers and Airmen in various vehicles, converge on the stationary C-17, each with their own agenda to re-equip the aircraft for a speedy turnaround.

But long after load handlers and mail personnel, pilots and

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From the Top



Remarks from Pres. Bush's speech at Ft. Steward, GA

Two-and-a-half years ago — or two years ago, this nation came under enemy attack. Two years ago yesterday we were attacked. On a single morning, we suffered the highest casualties on our own soil since the Civil War. America saw the face of a new adversary — an enemy that plots in secret, an enemy that rejects the rules of war, an enemy that rejoices in the murder of the innocent. We made a pledge that day, and we have kept it: We are bringing the guilty to justice; we are taking the fight to the enemy.

In this new kind of war, America has followed a new strategy. We are not waiting for further attacks on our citizens. We are striking our enemies before they can strike us again. (Applause.) As all of you know, wars are fought on the offensive, and America and our friends are staying on the offensive. We're rolling back the terrorist threat, not on the fringes of its influence, but at the heart of its power.

In Afghanistan, America and our broad coalition acted against a regime that harbored al Qaeda and ruled by terror. We've sent a message that is now understood throughout the world: If you harbor a terrorist, if you support a terrorist, if you feed a terrorist, you're just as guilty as the terrorists. And the Taliban found out what we meant. Thanks to our men and women in uniform, Afghanistan is no longer a haven for terror, and as a result, the people of America are safer from attack.

We are hunting the al Qaeda terrorists wherever they still hide, from Pakistan to the Philippines, to the Horn of Africa. And we're making good progress. Nearly two-thirds of al Qaeda's known leaders have been captured or killed. The rest of them are dangerous, but the rest of them can be certain we're on their trail. Our resolve is firm; the resolve of this nation is clear: No matter how long it takes, we will bring justice to those who plot against America.



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Word from the Warriors

What did you think about the comedy show?



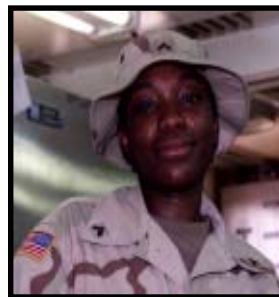
"It was a good morale booster. We should have things like that more often."

-Spc. Kelle N. Neal
-10th Soldier Support Battalion



"I enjoyed it immensely; I fell out of my chair laughing."

-Spc. Bennett E. Shine
-358th Med. Det.



"I didn't plan on staying, but after it began I stayed for the whole show"

-Cpl. Monique N. Bellamy
-HHC 1st Brigade



"I thought it was very refreshing; it was good to have something to do for a change"

-Cpt. Jason G. Moyer
-Charlie Co. 10th F.S.B.

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crewmembers have completed their tasks, the refueling crew is still at work pumping "gas" into the cavernous tanks of the flying behemoth.

The refuelers are members of the 10th Forward Support Battalion, from Ft Drum, New York. They are responsible for supplying fuel for all the generators, vehicles, and helicopters on KAF, as well as the endless rotation of C-17 and C-130 cargo planes.

Since arriving in country around the first of August, they have pumped over 2 million gallons of fuel.

2nd Lt. Mathew Skidmore is the officer in charge of the forty-person crew who operate in two 12-hour shifts. Looking like he just graduated highschool, his keen knowledge of the operation belies his youthful appearance. He says that due to the uniqueness of operations in Afghanistan, and the high demand for fuel, he had to "plus up" the number of people normally assigned to him.

"Normally the Air Force would have their own means of refueling their aircraft," he said. "But it didn't work out that way here."

Skidmore rattled off numbers of gallons of fuel unheard of back at Ft Drum.

"We have the fuel transported in on 'Jingle Trucks' from Pakistan," he said. "We treat it with an additive called 'fizzy' to keep it from freezing at altitude. We have the capacity to store around 650,000 gallons here."

As privates Alex Perkins and Gary Smith, both from Milwaukee, WI, reel in the lengths of grounding wire and fuel hoses used to top off the airplane, a flight of four Chinooks, two Blackhawks, and an Apache gunship go screaming by.

"See that!" said Perkins, pointing at the helicopters in obvious excitement. "They're flying because we did our job."

As the flight of choppers disappear behind a distant ridgeline, a look of pride and accomplishment beam from their faces. They are well aware of the importance of what they do.

Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Williams

is the platoon sergeant and backbone of the operation. Augmented from the 710th FSB, he brings a wealth of experience and leadership to this organized group.

"These soldiers make my job easy," he said. "They know their jobs and they do it well. My main concern is their safety; making sure they wear goggles during refueling, grounding the aircraft and that sort of thing. I plan on bringing everyone of them back alive."

Looking over the fuel point with it's enormous fuel bladders, pumps and hoses snaking in every direction, Pfc Christopher Cunningham from Los Alamos, NM, launches himself from one bladder to the next in a comical effort to gauge the fuel quantity in each container. Using a plumb bob like device with a tape measure attached to it, he feeds it down into the bladder and registers the reading on a clipboard.

"We do this every day in order to determine how much fuel we have on

hand," he said.

Considering the residents on KAF go through over 90,000 gallons per day, having a healthy supply of fuel on hand is a primary responsibility.

Suddenly, the loud hiss of air brakes brings a fuel HEMMETT to a screeching halt. Dwarfed by the massive truck, Spc Leanna Mendoza, a refueler from Odessa, TX emerges from the driver's station and within seconds she scales a ladder attached to the rear of the vehicle and expertly scampers to its pinnacle. From her perch atop the HEMMETT, she watches as her assistant, Spc Nigel Gamble, a native of Trinidad, affix a refuel hose to the near empty tanker.

They had just refilled all the power generators and light fixtures in the congested vicinity of 'tent city,' and had returned to the point to top off.

Meanwhile, Spc Jason Chavez from Albuquerque, NM, busied himself with the refueling chores of four Humvees safely back from a night of hunting Taliban extremists.

"If we shut down, KAF shuts down," said Sgt. Joel Davis, a powerfully built NCO who appeared out of nowhere, covered with the smell of jet fuel. He had the look of pure mischief but obviously took great pride in his work.

Sgt. 1st Class Williams watches his troops at work; his soft-spoken nature, so unassuming, reflects the dynamics of what he and his soldiers are accomplishing here in this remote, inhospitable land.

"What we do is not glamorous, but it is necessary," he said.

As the war on terror rages on, Lt. Skidmore and his crew of fuel handlers know the critical importance of their part in the fight.

As a ray of sunlight ushers in the start of a new day, the thunderous wail of the C-17's engines can be heard powering the massive airplane down the runway- filled to capacity with some 20,000 gallons of KAF's finest blend.



Spc. Leanna Mendoza observes the fuel level in a Hemmett tanker

WORLD NEWS



A mourner fires a rifle during a funeral for a police officer killed in Friday's firefight.

U.S. soldier killed in Fallujah

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — One U.S. soldier has been killed and three others injured in an attack on their convoy in Fallujah after the United States apologized for a friendly-fire incident that left nine Iraqi security personnel and one Jordanian soldier dead.

An improvised explosive device (IED) hit the U.S. military convoy in Fallujah early Sunday morning, the Coalition Press Information Center in Baghdad said.

The attack happened at about 8 a.m. (0400 GMT) in the city, where a day earlier the funerals of the slain Iraqi officers and Jordanian soldier were marked with gunfire and anti-American chants.

Friends and relatives of the Iraqis killed in the gunbattle Friday were largely unreceptive to the coalition apology, and armed men staged angry demonstrations on Fallujah's streets in conjunction with the funerals on Saturday.

Some of the demonstrators, who kept their faces hidden and carried rocket-propelled grenade launchers, claimed to be part of the Iraqi resistance that has been attacking U.S. forces.

The U.S. military has launched an investigation into Friday's firefight, which erupted when Iraqi officers gave chase to gunmen who had fired on their station and were fired on themselves by U.S. troops, local police say.

Jordanian troops, guarding a hospital, became involved when they thought they were coming under fire too.

Coalition spokesman Col. George Krivo said the U.S. participation in the incident began with a U.S. military patrol coming under "attack from a truck by unknown forces."

"Coalition forces immediately returned fire," he added. "Regrettably, during the incident, extensive damage was done to the hospital, and several security personnel were killed.

"Senior military leadership of the coalition has been in contact with the Jordanian military and Iraqi authorities to express our deep regret and apologies," he said.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, an assistant commander of the 101st Airborne Division, would lead the investigation "to get a full accounting of the facts," Krivo added.

Schloesser is not involved in the chain of command in Iraq and would be a "disinterested and fair investigator," Krivo said.

The latest incidents coincide with the arrival in Iraq of U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell — his first visit since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Powell traveled to Iraq after talks Saturday with the foreign ministers of the U.N. Security Council's five permanent members, the U.S. State Department said.

Powell and the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Russia and China sat together Saturday to discuss the U.S.-sponsored resolution to bring the international community into the rebuilding of Iraq.

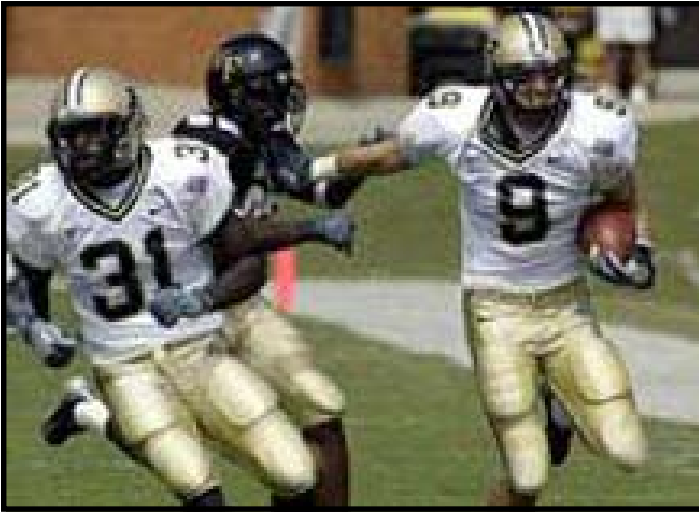
U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called the meeting to try to work out an agreement over how much involvement the United Nations will have in the reconstruction of Iraq. ()

France in particular is opposed to Washington's proposed resolution, calling for a speedier handover of power to local politicians.

The talks broke up without agreement, though Powell was reported to have said he was "encouraged" and that differences had been narrowed.



SPORTS



Purdue Knocks Off No. 20 Wake Forest

By DAVID DROSHAK
AP Sports Writer

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Ben Jones kicked three field goals and Purdue held No. 20 Wake Forest to 244 yards in a 16-10 victory Saturday, spoiling the Demon Deacons' first game as a ranked team in more than a decade.

Purdue (1-1) controlled the line of scrimmage and the clock all day - until Anthony Chambers fumbled a punt at his team's 25 with 2:28 left, setting up the Demon Deacons (2-1) for one last chance.

But Wake Forest put itself in a hole with delay-of-game and holding penalties, and then defensive back Stuart Schweigert stopped Chris Barclay on a fourth-and-1 at the 19 with 1:05 left.

The Boilermakers fumbled five times, but got four of them back to avoid their first 0-2 start since 1996.

Purdue receiver Taylor Stubblefield had 16 catches in last week's season opener and seven in the first half of this one, but missed the second half because of a high ankle sprain.

Before this week, the Demon Deacons (2-1) were last ranked in January 1993 and were trying for their first 3-0 start since 1987.

Purdue bottled up Wake Forest's offense through three quarters, allowing just 170 yards as the Demon Deacons were saddled with poor field position and an inconsistent running game.

Wake Forest couldn't even take advantage of three breaks late in the third quarter that could have changed momentum.

Purdue punter Brent Slaton fumbled a good snap and managed just an 11-yard kick, giving the Demon Deacons the ball near midfield. However, Wake Forest managed just 5 yards and had to punt it back to the Boilermakers.

Three plays later, Purdue receiver Kyle Ingraham fumbled struggling for extra yardage, but the Boilermakers fell on it to retain possession at their 34.

On the same drive, John Standeford did the same thing, and again Purdue recovered, leading to a 37-yard field goal by Jones and a 16-10 lead.

Wake Forest didn't commit a turnover in its upset victory over No. 24 North Carolina State last weekend. However, the Demon Deacons coughed it up on the first play from scrimmage as Cory Randolph tried to go deep and was picked off by Schweigert.

Schweigert's 14th career interception and 32-yard return helped set up the first of two first-half field goals by Jones.

Kyle Orton was 18-for-23 in the opening 30 minutes with one TD pass, but he fumbled an exchange deep in Wake Forest territory on fourth-and-inches as Purdue wasted a 6 1/2-minute drive late in the second quarter.

Orton made up for it in the final two minutes of the half, completing six passes in a row to set up a 41-yarder by Jones for a 13-10 lead.

Favored NFL Teams Open With Losses

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The Miami Dolphins were supposed to go to the Super Bowl because they signed the aging Junior Seau.

The Philadelphia Eagles were supposed to get at least as far as the NFC title game. Kurt Warner and the Rams were supposed to be back in form.

And some people (gulp!) thought New England was going to win the championship for the second time in three years.

Not off the first week of the 2003 season. Maybe not after any week, although things change quickly in the NFL and turn-arounds are frequent. Tennessee, for instance, started 1-4 last season, won 10 of the final 11 and made it to the AFC championship game.

WEEKLY COMICS



NFL WEEK 2 SCORES

Final	1	2	3	4	T	Final	1	2	3	4	T	
Pittsburgh (1-1-0)	17	3	0	0	20	Buffalo (2-0-0) «	14	7	14	3	38	
Kansas City (2-0-0) «	7	20	7	7	41	Jacksonville (0-2-0)	0	7	3	7	17	
Final	1	2	3	4	T	Final	1	2	3	4	T	
Tennessee (1-1-0)	0	7	0	0	7	Detroit (1-1-0)	0	6	0	0	6	
Indianapolis (2-0-0) «	3	14	3	13	33	Green Bay (1-1-0) «	14	3	7	7	31	
Final	1	2	3	4	T	Final	1	2	3	4	T	
Cleveland (0-2-0)	0	3	10	0	13	Washington (2-0-0) «	0	17	9	7	33	
Baltimore (1-1-0) «	10	6	0	17	33	Atlanta (1-1-0)	3	21	0	7	31	
Final OT	1	2	3	4	OT	T	Final	1	2	3	4	T
San Francisco (1-1-0)	7	3	7	7	0	24	Miami (1-1-0) «	7	14	0	0	21
St. Louis (1-1-0) «	7	0	7	10	3	27	NY Jets (0-2-0)	3	0	0	7	10

Final	1	2	3	4	T	Final OT	1	2	3	4	OT	T
Houston (1-1-0)	0	10	0	0	10	Carolina (2-0-0) «	3	3	3	0	3	12
New Orleans (1-1-0) «	7	0	10	14	31	Tampa Bay (1-1-0)	0	0	3	6	0	9
Final	1	2	3	4	T	Final	1	2	3	4	T	
Seattle (2-0-0) «	7	17	7	7	38	Denver (2-0-0) «	14	10	10	3	37	
Arizona (0-2-0)	0	0	0	0	0	San Diego (0-2-0)	3	7	3	0	13	
Final	1	2	3	4	T	Final	1	2	3	4	T	
New England (1-1-0) «	3	14	7	7	31	Cincinnati (0-2-0)	3	7	3	7	20	
Philadelphia (0-2-0)	0	7	0	3	10	Oakland (1-1-0) «	10	0	3	10	23	
Final	1	2	3	4	T							
Chicago (0-2-0)	3	7	3	0	13							
Minnesota (2-0-0) «	7	10	0	7	24							

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HEADLINERS

Man Charged for Shipping Himself in Air Cargo Crate

By DAVID KOENIG

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Federal prosecutors filed criminal charges Wednesday against a man who climbed into a crate and had himself shipped by air from New York to Dallas to visit his parents.

Charles D. McKinley was charged with stowing away on a cargo jet. He could face up to a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine if convicted.

McKinley, a 25-year-old shipping clerk at a New York warehouse, journeyed overnight about 1,500 miles by truck, plane and delivery van before startling his parents by popping out of the box at their home Saturday.

McKinley's escapade occurred as Americans prepared to mark the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, and it renewed debate over the air cargo system's vulnerability to terrorists.

"It certainly shows that we have more work to do on cargo security," Asa Hutchinson, the Homeland Security Department's undersecretary for transportation security, told ABC.

Federal officials were perplexed how McKinley got past airport security at several points, and investigators with the Transportation Security Administration interviewed him in jail.

McKinley said he was homesick and looking for a cheap way to visit his parents when he wedged himself into a crate measuring 42 by 36 by 15 inches.

Dumb and Dumber: Robbers Foil Themselves

MISHAWAKA, Ind. (AP) — Two would-be robbers left an Indiana convenience store empty-handed after getting into an argument about the contents of a note they handed to the clerk. The two men entered the 7-Eleven store in Mishawaka, just east of South Bend, early Tuesday morning.

They left the store and came back a few minutes later. One of them handed the clerk a note saying, in part, "put it in the bag."

When the clerk said she didn't understand what that meant, the man who handed her the note said he didn't know either because his buddy wrote it.

The two men began to argue and left the store. They are still at large.

He said on Wednesday's "Today" show on NBC that he was already "scared and nervous" when he was nailed into the crate.

"This is the dumbest thing and the craziest thing I could ever do within my life," he added. "I was short of cash and truthfully I really should've waited."

McKinley was arrested and jailed on unrelated traffic and bad-check charges after the startled deliveryman called police in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto.

Several companies were involved in handling McKinley's crate, and all of them said they followed security procedures.

UPS picked it up at the warehouse where McKinley worked. Pilot Air Freight took the box to Kennedy Airport, then it was trucked to Newark, N.J., and loaded on a Kitty Hawk Cargo plane.

After stops in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Fort Wayne, Ind., it landed in Dallas, where a deliveryman for Pilot Air Freight took it to the home of McKinley's parents.

Man Evicted From Cave He Called Home

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A man was evicted from a cave he had lived in for 11 years after pleading guilty to using a national forest for residential purposes.

Thomas J. Crawford had a bed, books and clothes arranged on hangers, along with pots and cutlery for cooking in his cave in the Coconino National Forest in northern Arizona.

He was arrested Friday after a Flagstaff resident reported a suspicious camp.

Crawford pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court on Monday and was sentenced to one year of probation and banned from the forest.

He told Forest Service officials he would come to Flagstaff every week or so to get supplies and water. Sometimes, he would work here.

Crawford, accompanied by Forest Service officials and a reporter from the Arizona Daily Sun, was allowed to remove his possessions after he was released from jail Tuesday.

"As you can see, I don't have a TV or anything," he said. "I've got the sky, the wind, the rain, the canyon wrens. ... This is a beautiful mountain. You could explore it a lifetime



A Week In Kandahar

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making light of some of the things that servicemembers of Kandahar take so seriously had the audience falling out of their chairs and trying to catch their breath from laughing so hard.

Even though they were the honored guests of the night, the comedians were overflowing with appreciation and gratitude toward the soldiers of Kandahar for what they do and for being here.

"They felt honored to be able to perform here", said O'Brien, "They actually seek out tours overseas like this. It makes them feel as if they are a part of the effort."

Soldiers from Kandahar showed up by the truck-load, bringing their own chairs to add to the already filled audience. Some sat on top of nearby vehicles to create a "standing room only" crowd for the talented "Comics On Tour".

"We estimate that around 800 servicemembers were present for the show. The crowd was great, the comedians were great, the show was a complete success", said O'Brien.

The soldiers showed their appreciation with a standing ovation at the end of the show. Everyone seemed very pleased with the performance they were treated with.

"On my way to work the next day, I was completely exhausted from all the ripping and running that was necessary to put this show on. But as I was stopped left and right by soldiers that had attended the night before telling me how good

it was and how much they appreciated it, It helped me get through the day and on to some much needed rest", said O'Brien.

After the show, the comedians immediately began preparing for their nearly departing flight to Bagram, Afghanistan. Their time here was short-lived and abrupt but the last thing they wanted to get across to the servicemembers of Kandahar was, "Thanks for being here. If you weren't here fighting these guys [terrorist] it is a very real possibility that they would be in our house and in our streets doing harm to our loved ones.



Kevin Jordan, the master of ceremonies, had the audience rolling in their chairs in between acts.

Weekly Weather Forecast

Mon Sep 15		Sunny	90°/60°	0 %
Tue Sep 16		Sunny	90°/59°	0 %
Wed Sep 17		Sunny	90°/59°	0 %
Thu Sep 18		Sunny	90°/59°	0 %
Fri Sep 19		Sunny	91°/59°	0 %

Sat Sep 20		Sunny	93°/60°	0 %
Sun Sep 21		Sunny	92°/59°	0 %
Mon Sep 22		Sunny	91°/59°	0 %
Tue Sep 23		Sunny	90°/57°	0 %

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"Weekly Quote"

"There is only one tactical principle which is not subject to change. It is to use the means at hand to inflict the maximum amount of wound, death, and destruction on the enemy in the minimum amount of time."

- General George Patton Jr

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A Brief History of the Black Wolves

Unit Name: 151st Infantry Battalion "Războieni"
(Mechanized).

Location: Iasi Garrison, Iasi County, NE part of Romania.

Our unit has been established on the 16th of September 1994 and it is the bearer of the glorious combat traditions of the 1st Infantry Battalion from the 15th Infantry Regiment "Războieni", traditions that spread out over 120 years.

This battalion took part in the Independence War, in the battles of Grivița, Răhova and Vidin, in the World War I in both 1916 and 1917 campaigns and also in the 1918-1919 campaign reaching Budapest.

In the World War II has participated to the liberation of Basarabia then in Odessa and Donau Bend battles fights from where the battalion managed to save itself entirely, for after that to give its own blood tribute for the liberation of the north-western part of Romania, taken by the Wien Dictate, and then participated in the fights on the Hungarian and Czechoslovakian territory up to the 12th of May 1945.

On the 7th of May 1995 by Presidential Decree, as a recognition of the glorious tradition of the battalion, the 151st Infantry Battalion has been given the Combat Colors and although the name "Războieni", name worn with honor by the 15th Infantry Regiment on the fields battle of the World War I and World War II.

In 1994, based on the Order of the General Staff, the 151st Infantry Battalion is established in Iași and is named "Războieni".

The main objective of the training for combat process of the 151st Infantry Battalion is to continuously rise the professional level of its units designed to accomplish peace-keeping and humanitarian mission under U. N. or other international organisms authority and to increase his responsiveness in different peace-time operations.

Because Romania has signed the P.f.P. program, our unit has been designed to prepare for peace-keeping missions under U. N. authority, but we also prepare ourselves to be ready to accomplish the traditional duty of the army: defense our country.

The 151st Infantry Battalion is composed of

- ✚ infantry units;
- ✚ artillery units;
- ✚ mortars (120mm.);
- ✚ antiarmor;
- ✚ combat support units;
- ✚ logistic units.

The weapons and the equipment we have are totally romanian and they allow us to do our job both as warriors and peace-keepers.

Our infantry units are T.A.B.-77 (A.P.C.) equipped, mortar units are T.A.B.C.-79 (A.P.C.) equipped, DAC. trucks and ARO jeeps for all the other units.

The structures of the training for combat process is in accordance with the orders from the higher echelons, in order to make the personnel able to accomplish both mission in country or abroad and is as follows:

- ✚ Military general training – 16,7% of total;
- ✚ Military specialty training – 25,4%;

- ✚ Physical training – 13,4%;
- ✚ Psychological training – 1,4%;
- ✚ Others – 31,6%.

We put a special accent on specific training for accomplishing peacekeeping missions, which includes:

- ✚ survival techniques;
- ✚ car driving;
- ✚ aviation;
- ✚ foreign languages;
- ✚ geography;
- ✚ history of religions.

The units in our battalion have taken part in many international exercises that have prepared us for accomplishing peacekeeping missions.

MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED

UNAVEM III – CHICHUMA – ANGOLA – 01.04 – 10.10.1996; - Of.-4, NCO's and WO's -9, enlisted personnel -87, total-100 soldiers;

UNAVEM III – CHICHUMA – ANGOLA – 01.10.1996 – 07.06.1997; - Of.-4, NCO's and WO's -9, enlisted personnel -170, total -183 soldiers;

MONUA – LUBANGO – ANGOLA – 07.06.1997 – 22.02.1998-11-04; - 151st Infantry Battalion "Războieni"- Rapid Reaction Force - Of.-7, NCO's and WO's -5, enlisted personnel -56, total-68 soldiers;

TOTAL MISSIONS - ANGOLA – Of.-15, NCO's and WO's -5, enlisted personnel.-313, total-351 soldiers.

I.F.O.R. – ZENICA – BOSNIA – 10.03.1996 – 17.03.1997; - Of.-1, NCO's and WO's -7, enlisted personnel -27, total-35 soldiers;

ALBA TEPELENE – ALBANIA – 01.05 – 22.07.1997; - Of.-2, NCO's and WO's -1, enlisted personnel -21, total-24 soldiers;



FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

- ☑ English – 6 months – 2 officers – Sibiu;
- ☑ English – 6 months – 2 NCO's – Sibiu;
- ☑ Russian – 1 officer;
- ☑ German – 9 months – 1 officer – Sibiu;
- ☑ French – 6 months – 2 officer – Sibiu;

Presently our unit is continuing the training for combat process in order to improve its readiness and its capability to act during the peacetime and crises or war operations, both as a part of the 15th Teritorial Mechanized Brigade or of other multinational forces.

MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES

- ☑ COOPERATIVE NUGGET '95" – FORT POLK LOUISIANA – S.U.A. – 02.08 – 22.08.1995 - Of.-2, enlisted personnel - 40, total-42 soldiers;
- ☑ COOPERATIVE DETERMINATION '95 – SIBIU – ROMÂNIA – 15.08 – 17.09.1995 - Of.-5, NCO's and WO's - 1, enlisted personnel -70, total-76 soldiers;
- ☑ REZOLUTION '95 – Range LEST – SLOVACIA – 06.09 14.09.1995 - Of.-3, enlisted personnel -24, total-27 soldiers;
- ☑ DESCHIDERE '96 – SIBIU – ROMÂNIA – 26.04 – 30.04.1996 - Of.-8, NCO's and WO's -1, enlisted personnel -41, total-50 soldiers;
- ☑ PEACEFUL EAGLE '96 – BIZA – ALBANIA – 14.07 – 22.07.1996 - Of.-7, NCO's and WO's -1, enlisted personnel - 64, total-72 soldiers;
- ☑ COOPERATIVE BANNERS '97 – KRISTINSAND – NORVEGIA – 26.05 – 06.06.1997 - Of.-6;
- ☑ SCUTUL PĂCII – LVOV – UCRAINA – 12 – 05.09.1998 - Of. – 4.
- ☑ SCUTUL PĂCII – LVOV – UCRAINA – 1999

COURSES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- ☑ U. N. observers course – Netherlands – 2 officers;
- ☑ Field artillery officers advanced course U.S.A. – 1 officer;
- ☑ Infantry officers advanced course U.S.A. – 2 officers;
- ☑ Peace-keeping course – Czech Republic – 2 officers;
- ☑ Negotiation and mediation in – Canada – 1 officer;
- ☑ Peace-keeping course – Austria – 1 officer;
- Operations course – NATO Academy, Obermergau - Germany – 1 officer.